

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated January 25, 2010.

Claims 1 and 14 are amended; claims 23-31 were previously cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

Example support for the claimed amendments can be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 23 lines 14-23.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 1-3, 7-17 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makarios et al. (U.S. 6,401,125) in view of Green et al. (U.S. 6,003,084). Obviousness requires that each and every element be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

Applicant has again clarified what the cookie is and how it is processed and represented to distinguish over the Board's interpretation and the references of record.

Specifically, column 3 lines 39-60 provides a detailed description of the type of cookie used and processed in the Makarios reference. This is not a key whose checksum is verified by a proxy and this is not a digital signature. Moreover, the cookie of Makarios does not provide an indication that a client has been authorized to access a resource of an origin server via the proxy.

As such, Applicant believes that the processing of the cookie, the cookie itself, and usage of the cookie has been clarified over the Board's interpretation in view of the references of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 4, 6, 18 and 19 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makarios et al. in view of Green et al. and further in view of Callaghan et al. (U.S. 2002/0007317). In view of the amendments and remarks presented above with respect to the

independent claims, this rejection should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same from the learned Examiner.

Claim 5 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Makarios et al. in view of Green et al., in view of Callaghan et al. and further in view of Birrell et al. (U.S. 5,805,803). In view of the amendments and remarks presented above with respect to the independent claims, this rejection should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests an indication of the same from the learned Examiner.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action, however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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